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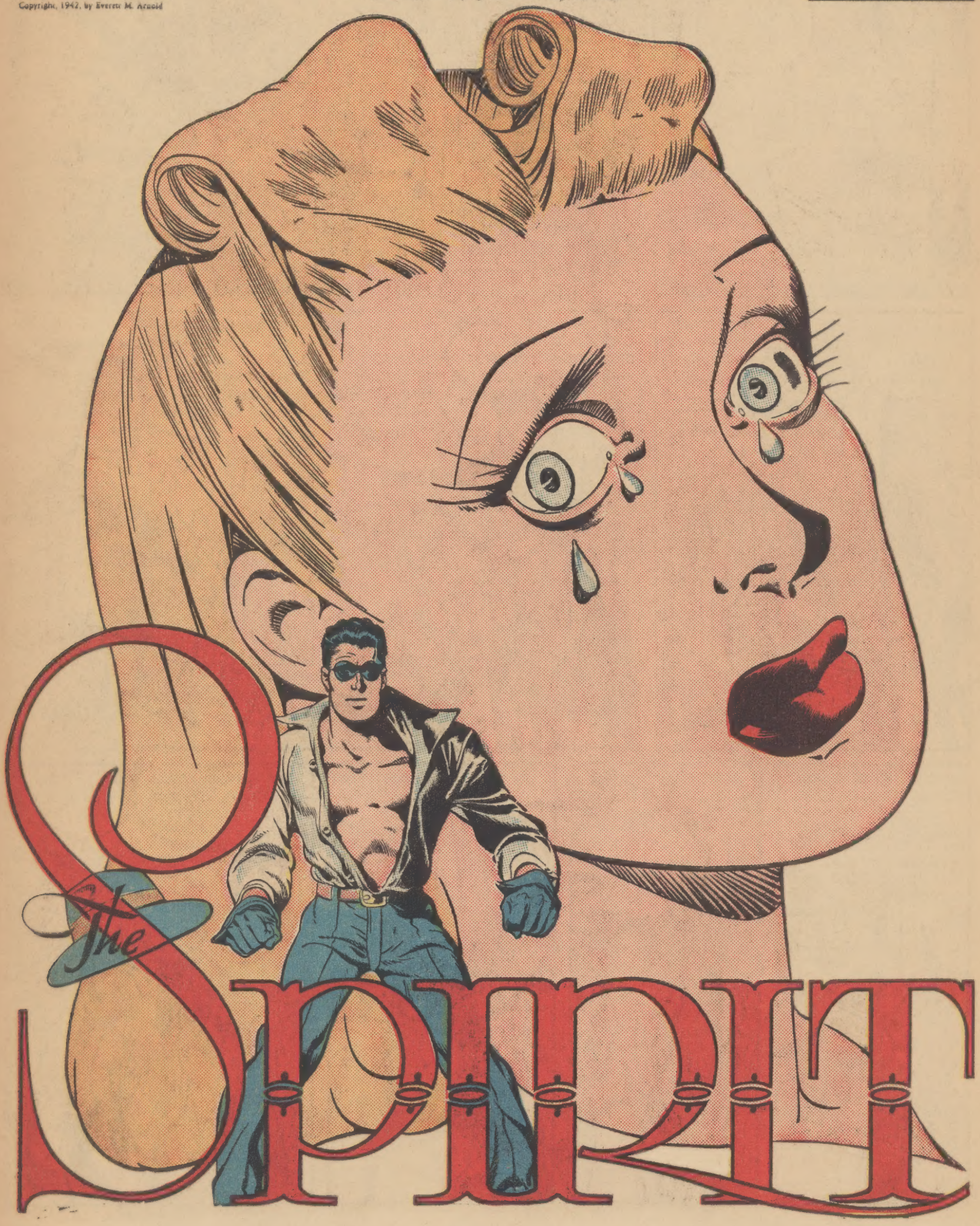


THE CENTRAL CITY WATERFRONT.. A NASTY NIGHT FULL OF FOG, RAIN AND EVIL, AS BLACK AS THE HULL OF A HOMECOMING FREIGHTER WE CAN BARELY DISTINGUISH PUSHING UNDER THE CENTRAL CITY BRIDGE..
LOOK OUT!! HERE THEY COME!!

HAVE A SLUG, PAL!!
BANG

WHERE TO NOW, SPIRIT ??
THE DOLAN HOME WOULD BE SAFEST!

LATER.. THE DOLAN HOME
SPIRIT.. SATIN..
..AND A BABY!
H'YA, ELLEN!

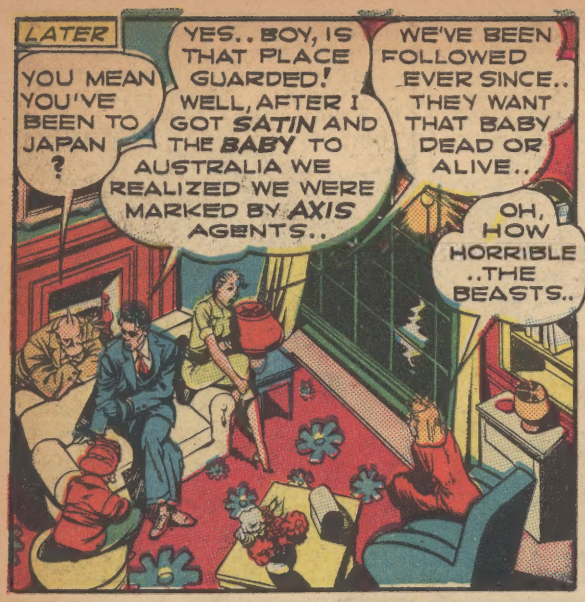
OH, SPIRIT DARLING, YOU'RE SOAKING.. WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
GOLLY, MIST' SPIRIT, YO' BEEN GONE ALMOS' A MONTH... AH BEEN WORRIED SICK!
GOOD GRIEF, KID.. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A MEAT GRINDER!
HEY!! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE ATTENTION FOR ME AND THE BABY!

WHEW.. IT'S GOOD TO BE IN A CLEAN HOME AGAIN!! AFTER LIVING IN THE HOLD OF A SMELLY OIL TANKER FOR A WEEK..
ER.. HOW OLD IS YOUR BABY?

A MONTH OLD!
AND YOU AND THE..GULP.. THE SPIRIT HAVE BEEN TOGETHER ..A.. A MONTH ??

UH HUH!
THEN THAT MEANS.. ?

NATURALLY!... WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK IT COULD MEAN?
OH.. NOTHING !!!

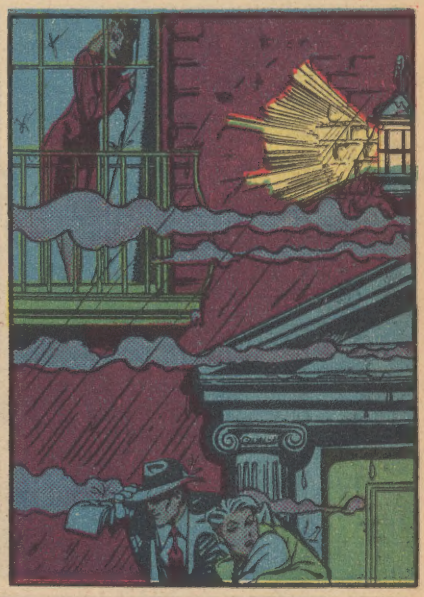

LATER
YOU MEAN YOU'VE BEEN TO JAPAN ?
YES.. BOY, IS THAT PLACE GUARDED! WELL, AFTER I GOT SATIN AND THE BABY TO AUSTRALIA WE REALIZED WE WERE MARKED BY AXIS AGENTS..
WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWED EVER SINCE.. THEY WANT THAT BABY DEAD OR ALIVE..
OH, HOW HORRIBLE ..THE BEASTS..

YES.. SATIN AND I POSSESS BETWEEN US, SOMETHING THE AXIS WOULD GIVE MUCH TO GET.. OUT THERE, SOMEWHERE IN THE BLACKNESS ARE AGENTS, KEEN AND DEADLY.. WAITING FOR US....

BUT WE'LL GIVE 'EM A FIGHT.. EH, SATIN ??
YES, SPIRIT, US TOGETHER!
!

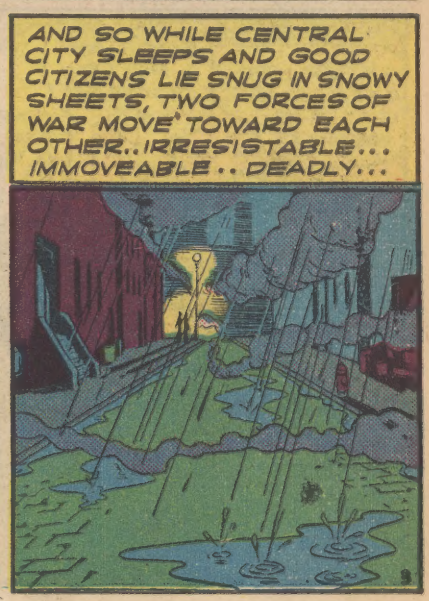
LATER
BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE BABY OUT IN A STORM LIKE THIS!
WHO SAYS SO?.. BEST NIGHT FOR ELUDING THOSE... HEY?!

SO, YOU'RE JEALOUS OF ME, EH? WELL, WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?.. A MAN LIKE THE SPIRIT WANTS A WOMAN WHO'LL STAND BESIDE HIM AND FIGHT.. LIKE ME!! HOW CAN A PRETTY CLINGING VINE LIKE YOU REALLY HOLD HIM?.. BESIDES, I'VE GOT MY HOOKS ON HIM AND I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU GET HIM BACK!!



MEANWHILE
PAH! WHAT A FOUL NIGHT.. BUT IT SUITS MY MOOD.. TWO STUPID AGENTS WITH A BABY GET THROUGH A WAR ZONE, HALF-WAY ACROSS THE WORLD AND WE CANNOT STOP THEM!!
AYE, SHAMEFUL.. THAT'S WHY WE WERE ASSIGNED TO GET THEM!!

I KNOW ONE OF THEM.. SATIN.. A SHE-WOLF!.. I CARRY A BULLET IN MY SHOULDER TO TESTIFY!
WELL, THEY'RE SOMEWHERE IN THIS CITY.. WE'VE GOT TO ELIMINATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!


AND SO WHILE CENTRAL CITY SLEEPS AND GOOD CITIZENS LIE SNUG IN SNOWY SHEETS, TWO FORCES OF WAR MOVE TOWARD EACH OTHER.. IRRESISTABLE... IMMOVEABLE.. DEADLY...

BACK IN THE DOLAN HOME..
OH, YOU POOR BABY.. EVEN IF YOU ARE HERS.. YOU'RE ALSO THE SPIRIT'S AND..GULP!.. I'LL LET NOTHING HURT YOU..
GOLLY, MISS ELLEN.. AH THOUGHT MIST' SPIRIT AN' SATIN DONE TOOK THE BABY OUT!!

THAT'S WHAT THEY THOUGHT!! THEY'RE TRYING TO RUN A GAUNTLET OF SPIES... THEY'RE BOUND TO BE SHOT AT!!
OH, AH GET IT.. YO' IS GONNA FOLLOW 'EM WIF THE REAL BABY! BECAUSE THE SPIES AIN'T AFTER YO'!
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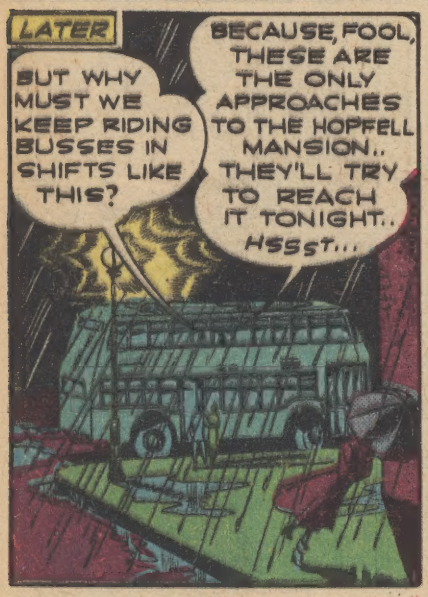
IN THAT CASE YO' NEEDS A MAN'S PERTECSHUN! AH WILL GO WIF YO'!
THANK YOU, EBONY.. YOU'RE A REAL LITTLE HERO!


LATER
BUT WHY MUST WE KEEP RIDING BUSSES IN SHIFTS LIKE THIS?
BECAUSE, FOOL, THESE ARE THE ONLY APPROACHES TO THE HOPFELL MANSION.. THEY'LL TRY TO REACH IT TONIGHT.. HSSST...

WELL, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL..
UH OH!
WELL.. GUESS WE SEPARATE HERE.. GOOD LUCK, SATIN!

!
HALT, ENGLISH PIG!!

ON THE BUS..
AFTER HER! @x!!#.. SHE'S GOT THE BABY!
UGH! AS SOON AS I POLISH OFF THIS PIG!

SO LONG, CHUM!
Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.
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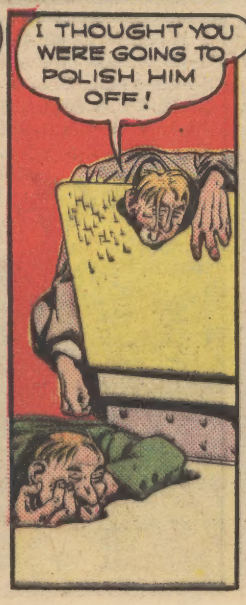
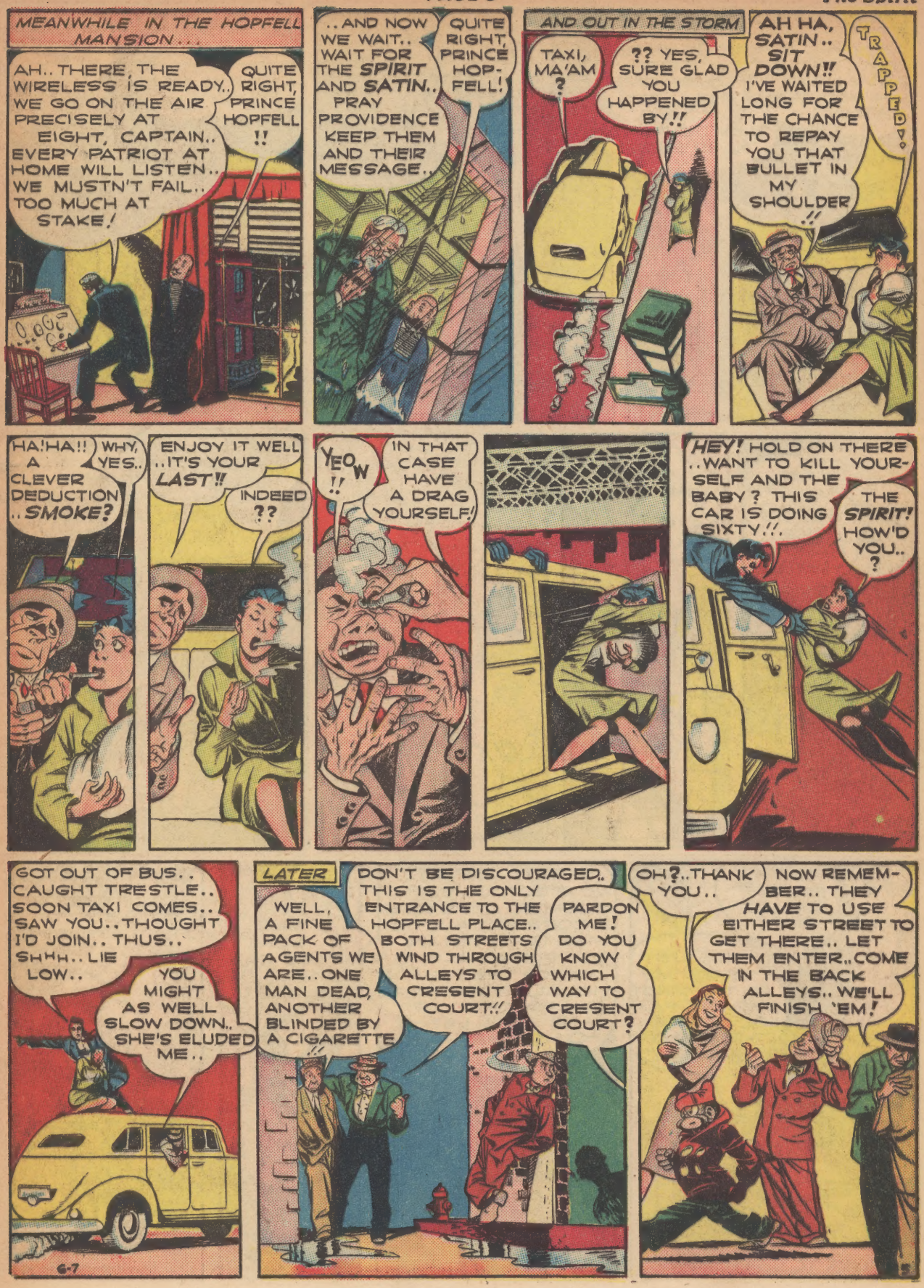

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO POLISH HIM OFF!

MEANWHILE
GOLLY, THEY GOT THE BUS AHEAD OF US!
YES, BUT THE DISPATCHER TIPPED ME OFF TO THE ADDRESS THEY DISCUSSED.. WE'LL GET THE NEXT BUS..


MEANWHILE IN THE HOPFELL MANSION...
AH.. THERE, THE WIRELESS IS READY.. WE GO ON THE AIR PRECISELY AT EIGHT, CAPTAIN.. EVERY PATRIOT AT HOME WILL LISTEN.. WE MUSTN'T FAIL.. TOO MUCH AT STAKE!
QUITE RIGHT, PRINCE HOPFELL !!
..AND NOW WE WAIT.. WAIT FOR THE SPIRIT AND SATIN.. PRAY PROVIDENCE KEEP THEM AND THEIR MESSAGE..
QUITE RIGHT, PRINCE HOP-FELL!
AND OUT IN THE STORM
TAXI, MA'AM ?
?? YES, SURE GLAD YOU HAPPENED BY!!
AH HA, SATIN.. SIT DOWN!! I'VE WAITED LONG FOR THE CHANCE TO REPAY YOU THAT BULLET IN MY SHOULDER !!
TRAPPED!
HA!HA!! A CLEVER DEDUCTION ..SMOKE?
WHY, YES..
ENJOY IT WELL ..IT'S YOUR LAST!!
INDEED ??
YEOW !!
IN THAT CASE HAVE A DRAG YOURSELF!
HEY! HOLD ON THERE ..WANT TO KILL YOUR-SELF AND THE BABY? THIS CAR IS DOING SIXTY!!.
THE SPIRIT! HOW'D YOU.. ?
GOT OUT OF BUS.. CAUGHT TRESTLE.. SOON TAXI COMES.. SAW YOU..THOUGHT I'D JOIN.. THUS.. SHHH.. LIE LOW..
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SLOW DOWN.. SHE'S ELUDED ME..
LATER
WELL, A FINE PACK OF AGENTS WE ARE.. ONE MAN DEAD, ANOTHER BLINDED BY A CIGARETTE !!
DON'T BE DISCOURAGED.. THIS IS THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE HOPFELL PLACE.. BOTH STREETS WIND THROUGH ALLEYS TO CRESENT COURT!!
PARDON ME! DO YOU KNOW WHICH WAY TO CRESENT COURT?
OH?..THANK YOU..
NOW REMEM-BER.. THEY HAVE TO USE EITHER STREET TO GET THERE.. LET THEM ENTER..COME IN THE BACK ALLEYS.. WE'LL FINISH 'EM!
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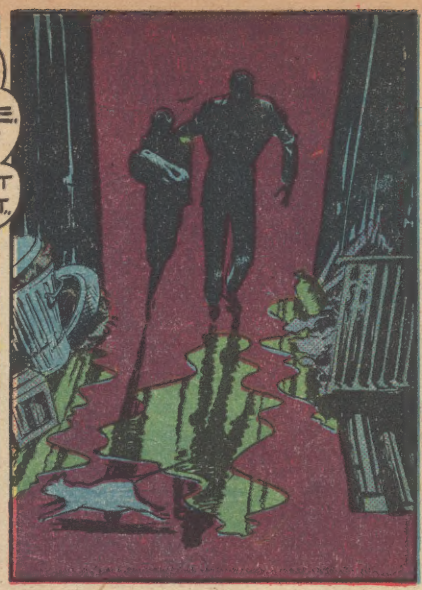
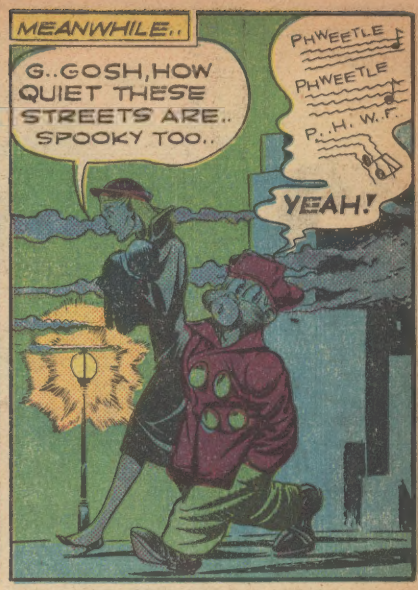
A FEW MINUTES LATER
10 MINUTES BEFORE EIGHT.. WE CAN'T WASTE MORE TIME SCOUTING, SATIN...
I KNOW THEY'RE THERE SOMEWHERE. WELL, LET'S GO!!.. WE'LL TAKE THE RIGHT HAND STREET.




MEANWHILE..
G..GOSH, HOW QUIET THESE STREETS ARE.. SPOOKY TOO..
PHWEETLE
PHWEETLE
P..H. W..F.
YEAH!

AH.. AT LAST.. CRESENT COURT..
YASSM, AN' THERE'S THE MANSION "LE'S GO!

BANG!
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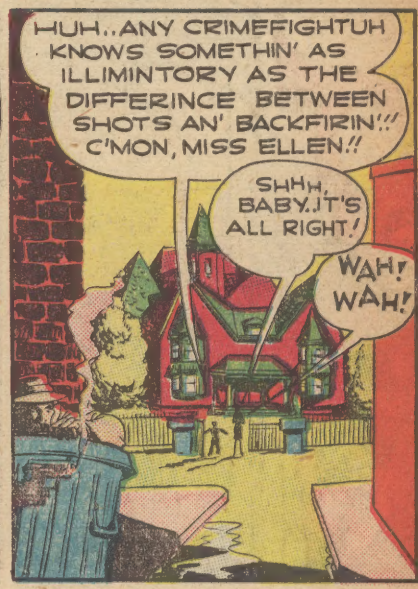
BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!
SHOTS, EBONY?
NAW.. ONLY A TRUCK BACK-FIRING!


HUH.. ANY CRIMEFIGHTUH KNOWS SOMETHIN' AS ILLIMINTORY AS THE DIFFERINCE BETWEEN SHOTS AN' BACKFIRIN'!! C'MON, MISS ELLEN!!
SHHH, BABY. IT'S ALL RIGHT!
WAH! WAH!

BANG!
SATIN!! SATIN!! YOU HIT BAD?
NO.. JUST NICKED ME ON THE FIRST VOLLEY.. HA.. LOOKS LIKE THE END OF THE LINE!!
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SPIRIT!... SPIRIT!! WE'VE GOT YOU SUR-ROUNDED.. LET'S SAVE BLOODSHED.. ALL WE WISH IS TO DETAIN YOU FOR A HALF HOUR .. PLACE THE BABY IN THE ALLEY WHERE WE CAN WATCH IT.. AT 8:30 WE'LL LET YOU DEPART..

WELL, SATIN??
IT'S CHECK-MATE.. AT LEAST WE CAN SAVE THE BABY!

VERY WELL, HERE!
THANK YOU, DEMOCRATIC FOOL!!
BANG! BANG!
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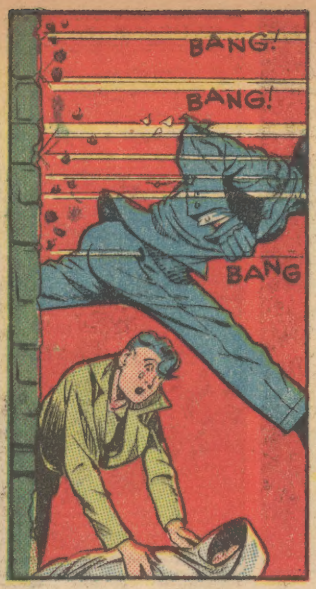
GRRRRR!!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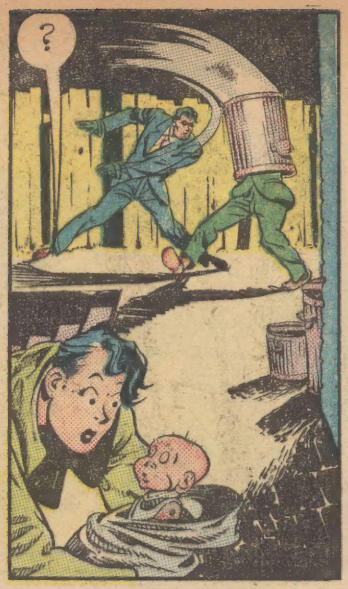
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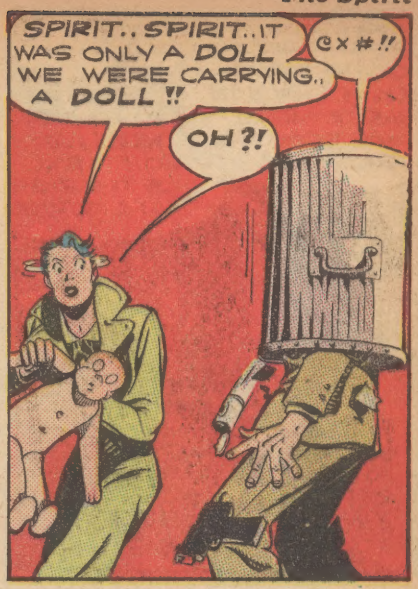
SPIRIT.. SPIRIT..IT WAS ONLY A DOLL WE WERE CARRYING.. A DOLL!!
@x#!!
OH?!

THANKS, CHUM!!
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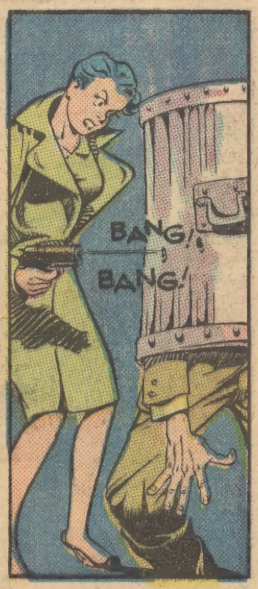
PAT PAT


BANG!
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BANG!
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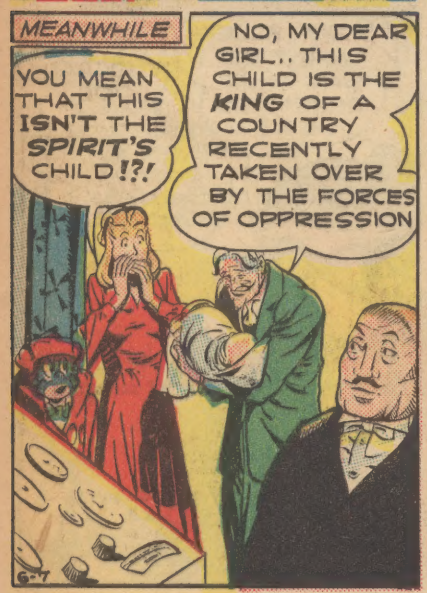
BANG!

WHAT WERE YOU YELLING ABOUT BACK THERE?
I WAS SAYING THAT BLONDS AREN'T SO DUMB AFTER ALL..


MEANWHILE
YOU MEAN THAT THIS ISN'T THE SPIRIT'S CHILD!?!
NO, MY DEAR GIRL.. THIS CHILD IS THE KING OF A COUNTRY RECENTLY TAKEN OVER BY THE FORCES OF OPPRESSION
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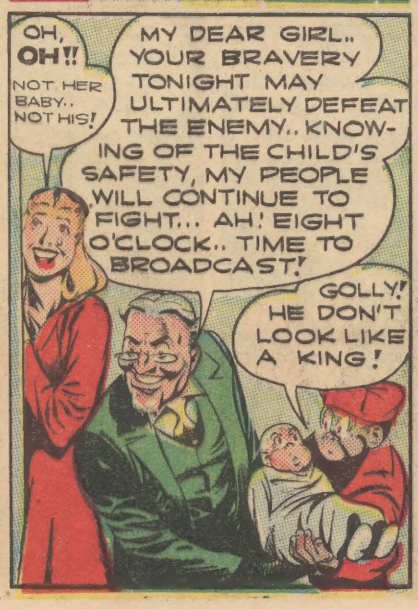
OH, OH!!
NOT HER BABY.. NOT HIS!
MY DEAR GIRL.. YOUR BRAVERY TONIGHT MAY ULTIMATELY DEFEAT THE ENEMY.. KNOWING OF THE CHILD'S SAFETY, MY PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT... AH! EIGHT O'CLOCK.. TIME TO BROADCAST!
GOLLY! HE DON'T LOOK LIKE A KING!

PUT DOWN THAT MICROPHONE, PRINCE.. OUR COUNTRY IS PART OF THE NEW ORDER.. I'M THE LAW IN OUR COUNTRY NOW!.. DISCIPLINE!
SPAT! YOU QUISLING.. TO THINK OF MY OWN SECRETARY SELLING OUT TO THE ENEMY.. WELL DO YOUR WORST!
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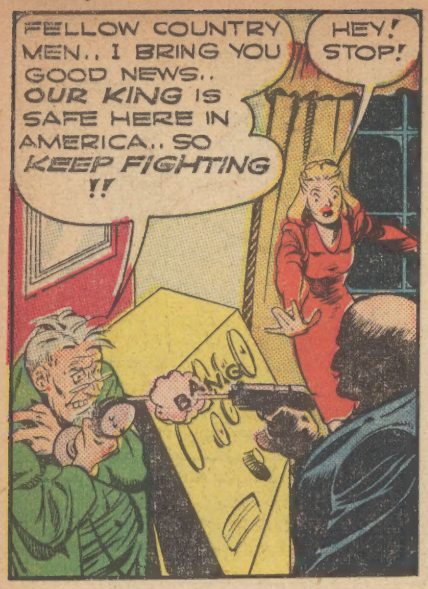
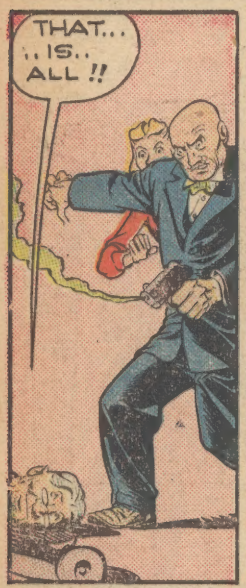

FELLOW COUNTRY MEN.. I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS.. OUR KING IS SAFE HERE IN AMERICA.. SO KEEP FIGHTING !!
HEY! STOP!
BANG

FROM THE MOUNTAINS.. FROM CAVES.. THE FORESTS .. BUT NEVER SURRENDER!! REMEMBER ALWAYS THAT OUR KING IS HERE IN AMERICA!!
BANG

..AND SOME DAY SOON, HE'LL RETURN BRINGING WITH HIM LIBERATION AND THE WONDERFUL WAY OF LIFE THAT ONLY A FREE PEOPLE CAN HAVE!!
BANG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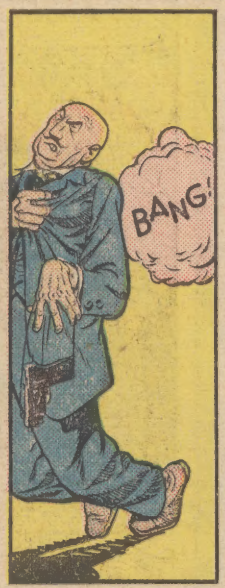
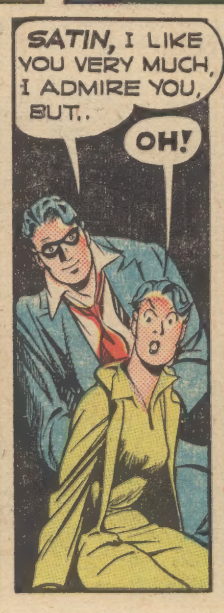

BANG!

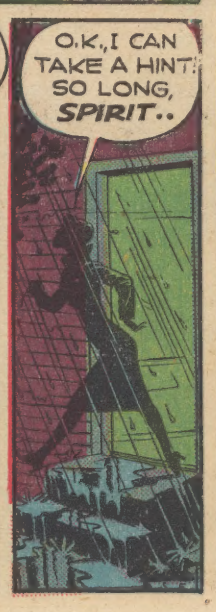
AH, THE REAL BABY, AS I THOUGHT..
ELLEN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH.. YES.. YES..

HMMMM..
THERE NOW.. DON'T CRY... EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW.... YOU WERE WONDERFUL, ELLEN .. WONDERFUL!!
HE KILLED HIM IN COLD BLOOD!

OH!
SATIN !

THAT BULLET.. Oooooh!! TELL ME, SPIRIT, DARLING, YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
ER..


SATIN, I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH, I ADMIRE YOU, BUT..
OH!

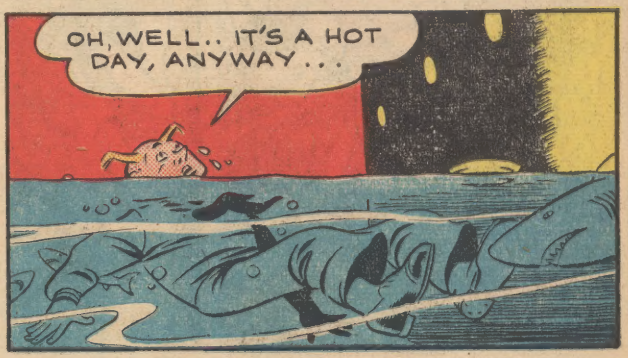

O.K., I CAN TAKE A HINT! SO LONG, SPIRIT..

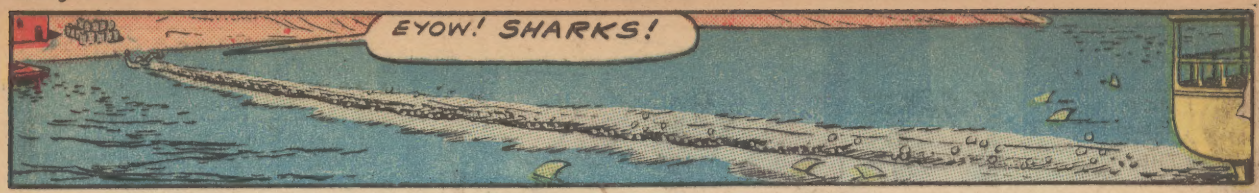
? NOW, ELLEN, WHAT DID I SAY THAT OFFENDED HER?
BEING A MAN, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, EVEN IF I DREW A DIAGRAM OF IT!

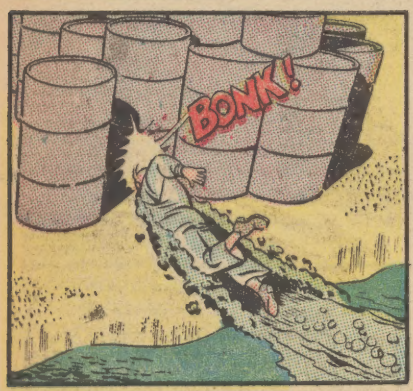
LADY LUCK

By Klaus Nordling

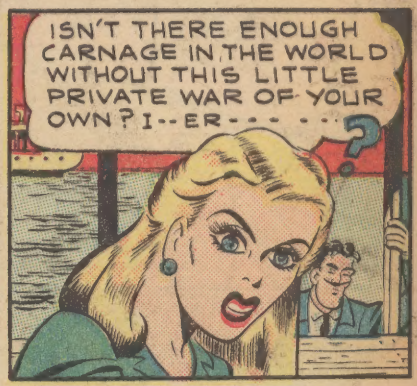
A TINY DOT IN THE GULF OF MEXICO SLOWLY TAKES THE FORM OF AN ISLAND AS THE YACHT OF THE WEALTHY MAGNATE, BRUCE BANKS, SKIMS ACROSS THE SEA..




EYOW! SHARKS!


BONK!

NOW YOU COME ASHORE AND APOLOGIZE TO PINKY!
OH, MISS BRENDA.. NOT THAT!


ISN'T THERE ENOUGH CARNAGE IN THE WORLD WITHOUT THIS LITTLE PRIVATE WAR OF YOUR OWN? I--ER-- - - - ?

GOLLY! LOOK LIKE OIL DRUMS! WHAT ARE THEY DOING ON THIS DESERT ISLE?

..AND THE CHEMIST'S DISAPPEARANCE ONLY ADDS TO THE MYSTERY! HMM... I'LL HAVE TO HIDE MY IDENTITY IN LADY LUCK AGAIN WHILE I LOOK INTO THIS....

HA! I'MA FIND YOU, SHREEMP!
WHICH IS YOUR TOUGH LUCK, YOU BUTTERBALL!

NO LANDLUBBER'S GONNA GET THE BEST O' PINKY BINNACLE!

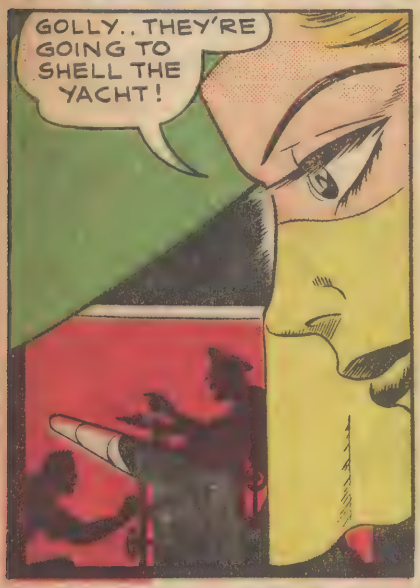
HAD ENOUGH, HUH? C'MON, STEP IN CLOSER!

HOLA! EES BE FRAND OF YOURS, PEENKY?
NEVER LAID EYES ON THE SWAB AFORE, HAVE YOU?

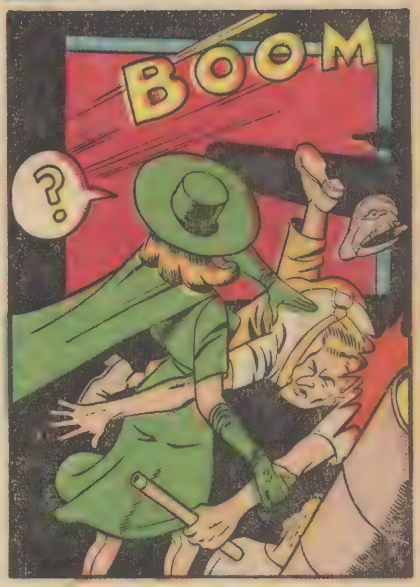
AVAST, THERE.. I DON'T LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE, MATEY!
POR CIELO! EES MORE OF THEM!

HAR YOU LIKE DAT, HA?

WHILE TWO OTHERS, JABBERING EXCITEDLY IN GERMAN, ENTER THE WAREHOUSE...
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.. A SECRET NAZI SUBMARINE AND PLANE FUELING BASE!


GOLLY.. THEY'RE GOING TO SHELL THE YACHT!

THE AXIS WILL NEVER USE ALL THIS BATTLE JUICE IF I CAN HELP IT!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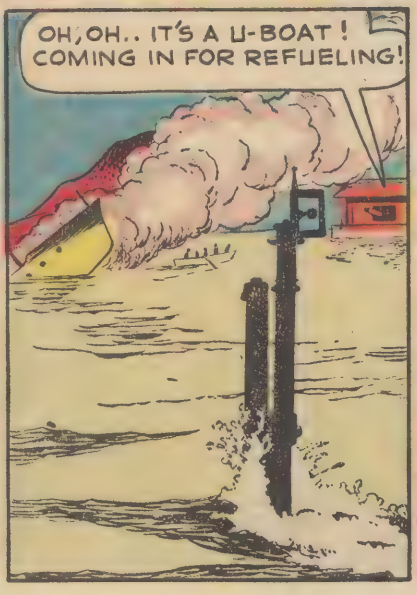
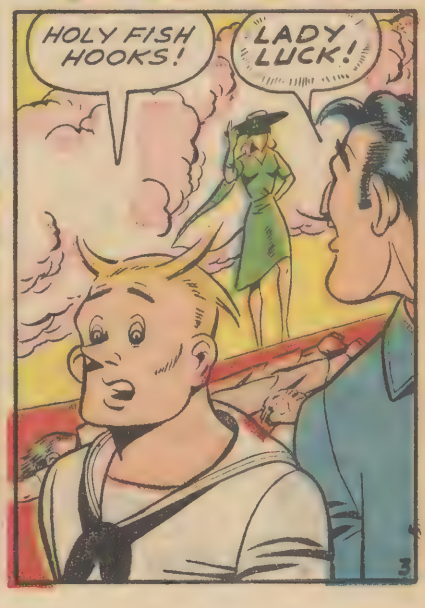
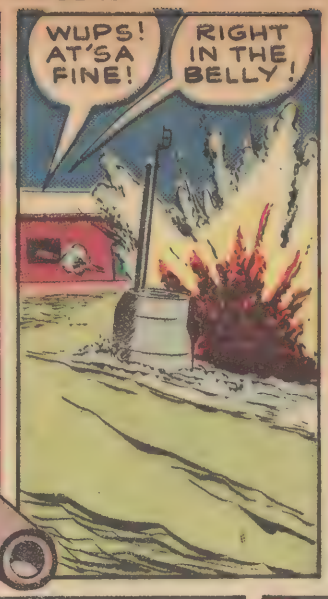
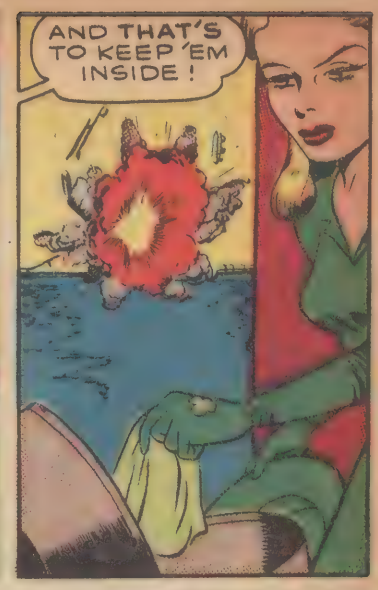

OH, OH.. IT'S A U-BOAT! COMING IN FOR REFUELING!

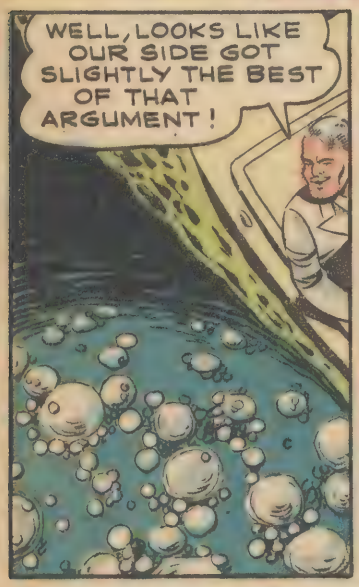

HOLY FISH HOOKS!
LADY LUCK!

C'MON, BOYS.. WE CAN MAKE IT HOT FOR THAT BOILER!

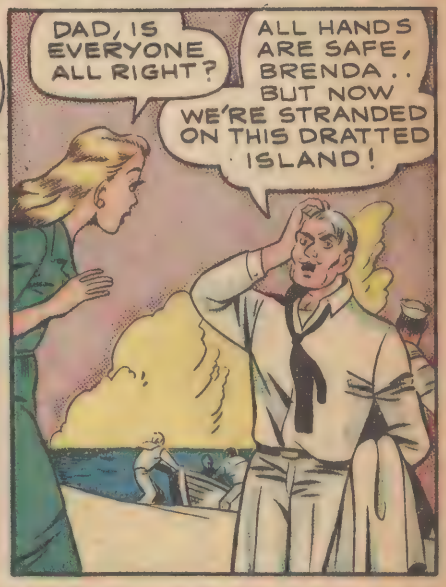
THIS GUN NEEDS TWO MEN TO HANDLE IT!


WUPS! AT'SA FINE!
RIGHT IN THE BELLY!

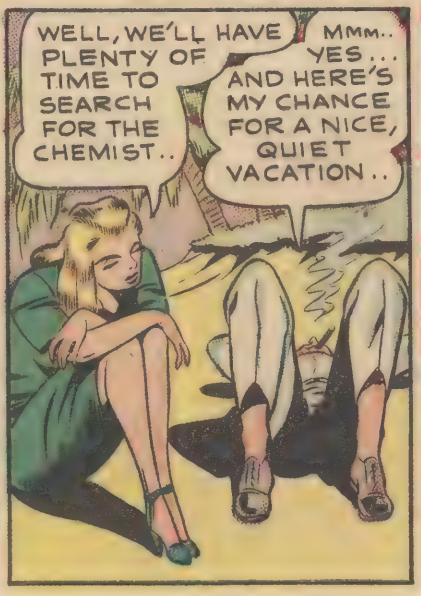

AND THAT'S TO KEEP 'EM INSIDE!


WELL, LOOKS LIKE OUR SIDE GOT SLIGHTLY THE BEST OF THAT ARGUMENT!

LADY LUCK! W'AR SHE'S DISAPPEAR?
WAS THAT LADY LUCK? SHIVER MY SIDES..THAT'S THE KIND OF A MERMAID THIS LAD CAN GO FOR!...


DAD, IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?
ALL HANDS ARE SAFE, BRENDA.. BUT NOW WE'RE STRANDED ON THIS DRATTED ISLAND!

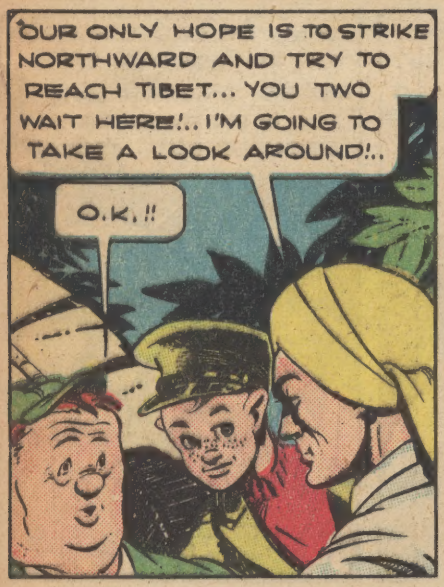
OH, AT'SA ALL RIGHT, AS LONG AS LADY LUCK EES BE HERE TO HELP US!
LADY LUCK? ON THIS ISLAND?
I'LL BE --! THAT GIRL SEEMS TO BE EVERYWHERE!


WELL, WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SEARCH FOR THE CHEMIST..
MMM.. YES... AND HERE'S MY CHANCE FOR A NICE, QUIET VACATION..

Mr. MYSTIC

SR Powell

REGAINING HIS MEMORY AT THE SIGHT OF CHOWDERHEAD, HIS CLOSEST FRIEND, MR. MYSTIC LEADS HIM AND THE KID, ANOTHER FRIEND, OUT OF JAPANESE CONTROLLED TERRITORY INTO THE JUNGLES OF LOWER FREE CHINA..



THE OLD MAN WHO TAUGHT US ANIMALS HOW TO TALK WILL HELP YA FIND YER PALS!!
SWELL!! COME ON!!

HERE WE ARE!!..B.. BUT GEE!! YOU'LL NEVER FIT INSIDE!! YER TOO BIG!!

OH!!.. I CAN FIX THAT!!! WATCH!!

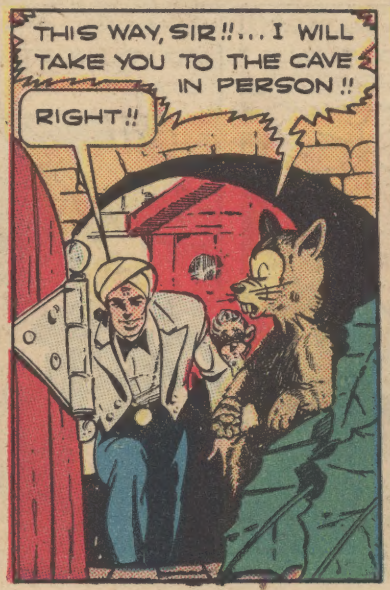
THERE!!.. HOW'S THAT? NOW I'M ONLY A BIT BIGGER THAN YOU!
G..GOSH!!

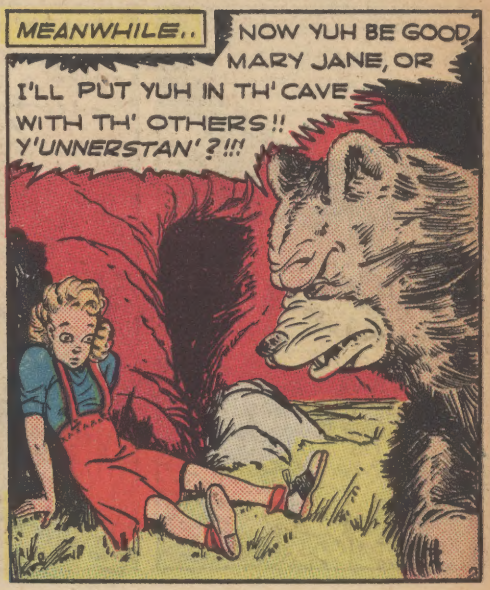
E..EXCUSE ME, POP, BUT THIS FELLA'S LOST HIS CHUMS .. D'YA KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

YUS!!.. AY KNOW!!..THEY ARE CAPTIVES OF THUT WICKED OL' BEAR WHO STOLE MUH GRAND-DAUGHTER!!.. PRAY, SIR, AY BEG YUH TUH BRING 'ER BACK!!

AY'M TOO OLD TUH SHOW YUH TH' WAY TUH TH' BEAR'S CAVE AN' MUH LITTLE FRIENDS'RE ALL ASCARED, BUT...

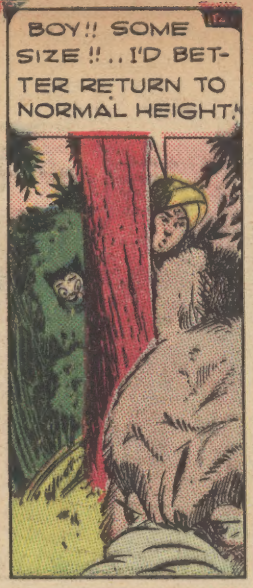
JUST ONE MOMENT!! I, JACKSON SQUIRREL WILL SHOW HIM THE WAY!!.. I AM NOT AFRAID!!.. MUCH!!

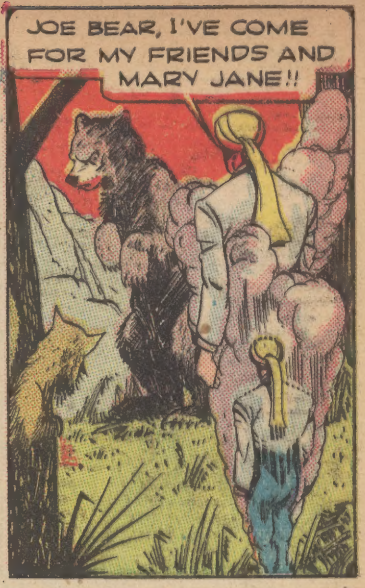

THIS WAY, SIR!!... I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE CAVE IN PERSON!!
RIGHT!!


MEANWHILE..
NOW YUH BE GOOD MARY JANE, OR I'LL PUT YUH IN TH' CAVE WITH TH' OTHERS!! Y'UNNERSTAN'?!!!

I DON'T WANT...UH??.. WHADDA YUH WANT?!
OH!!..ER.. NOTHIN'!!.. I WAS JUST LOOKING!!

WUL DON'T!!.. GIT BACK IN THERE!!


BOY!! SOME SIZE!!..I'D BETTER RETURN TO NORMAL HEIGHT!


JOE BEAR, I'VE COME FOR MY FRIENDS AND MARY JANE!!

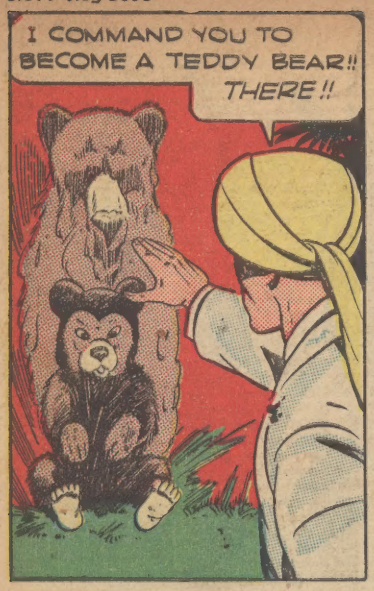
OH YUH HAVE, HAVE YUH?! WUL, JUS' YUH TRY AN' GET 'EM!!.. COME ON!! I DARE YUH!!

I'LL MOW YUH DOWN!!.. I'LL KNOCK YUH FLATTER THAN A PANCAKE!!

OH?.. REALLY?.. ISN'T THAT INTERESTING?!
OOOOOOF!!

COME ON!!.. ALL OF YOU!! QUICK!!.. BEFORE HE COMES TO!!

OH! OH!!.. TOO LATE!!.. GET GOING!!.. I'LL TAKE CARE OF JOE TOUGH GUY ONCE AND FOR ALL!!

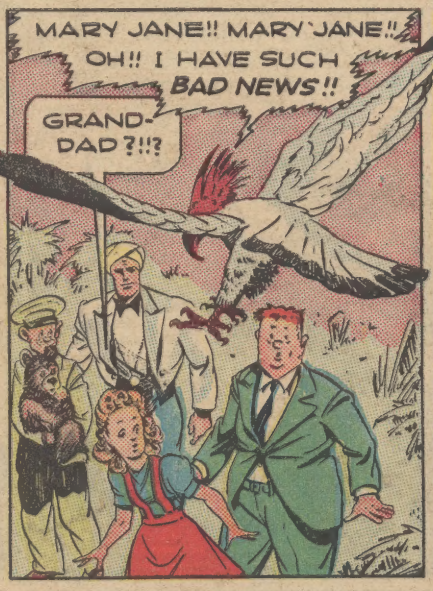

I COMMAND YOU TO BECOME A TEDDY BEAR!! THERE!!

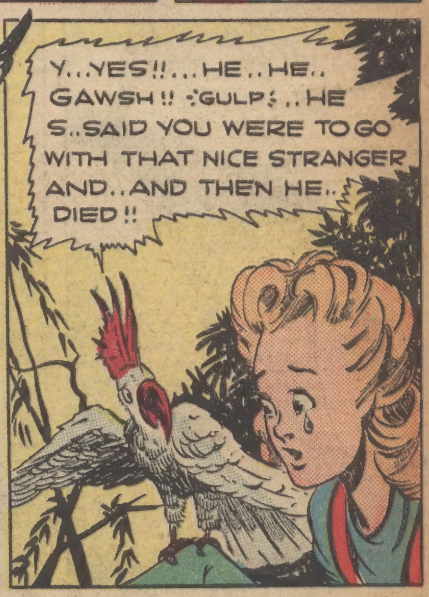
HA!!.. HERE YOU ARE, MARY JANE!!.. HERE'S A LITTLE PLAYMATE FOR YOU!!
OH!!.. HOW NICE!!

GEE!!.. HE'S SWELL!! D..DO YOU WANT ME TO CARRY HIM FOR YOU, MARY JANE?

OH!! THANK YOU! HE'S AWFUL HEAVY!!
AHEM!!.. HEY, KIDS, LET'S GO BACK!!

OUR BEST BET IS TO TAKE MARY JANE TO HER GRANDFATHER AND THEN GET UP TO TIBET.. WE CAN GET SUPPLIES THERE AND THEN HEAD FOR HOME!!


MARY JANE!! MARY JANE!! OH!! I HAVE SUCH BAD NEWS!!
GRAND-DAD?!!?


Y...YES!!... HE.. HE.. GAWSH!! :GULP: .. HE S..SAID YOU WERE TO GO WITH THAT NICE STRANGER AND.. AND THEN HE.. DIED!!

OOOH!!.. BOO HOO!!.. POOR GRAND DADDY!! WHAT'LL I DO NOW?!! BOO HOO!!
DON'T CRY!!.. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!!

WON'T WE, MR. MYSTIC?
OF COURSE!!.. DON'T WORRY, MARY JANE!!

NOW I'VE GOT ANOTHER ONE TO WORRY ABOUT!!.. Y'KNOW, CHOWDERHEAD, SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT BEFORE WE GET TO TIBET, WE'LL HAVE QUITE A FAMILY!!